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SUBJECT: ECUADOREAN AIR FORCE RE AIRCRAFT PURCHASES

REF: A) QUITO 0991; B) STATE 016329

1. REFERENCE

A TRANSMITTED TEXT OF GOE DEFENSE MINISTER'S LETTER TO GOE FOREIGN MINISTER REQUESTING THAT THE LATTER INSTRUCT HIS AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON TO OBTAIN NECESSARY INFORMATION ON THE POSSIBILITY OF SALE BY THE US OF 12 F-4'S, 12 F-5E'S AND 12 A37'S. SINCE THIS WAS AN INTERNAL GOE COMMUNICATION REFTEL DID NOT PROPOSE ANY ACTION AT THIS TIME BUT ALERTED DEPARTMENT TO POSSIBILITY THAT IT COULD EXPECT AMBASSADOR QUEVEDO TO RAISE MATTER OF AIRCRAFT PURCHASES IN NEAR FUTURE.

2. I LEARNED FEBRUARY 22 IN MY CONVERSATION WITH ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER VALDEZ THAT HIS MINISTRY HAS HAD DIFFICULTY IN LOCATING THEIR COPY OF THE LETTER IN QUESTION AND IT IS ASSUMED THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAS TAKEN IT WITH HIM TO MEXICO. VALDEZ ASKED, AND THIS WAS SUBSEQUENTLY REAFFIRMED BY DEFENSE MINISTER ALMEIDA, THAT

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WE CONSIDER THE COPY OF THE LETTER ALREADY IN OUR

POSSESSION AS A FORMAL REQUEST RATHER THAN EXPECTING A DEMARCHE FROM QUEVEDO.

3. THE MATTER OF GOE AIRCRAFT PURCHASES IN GENERAL AND THE SPECIFIC REQUESTS CONTAINED IN DEFENSE MINISTER ALMEIDA'S LETTER TRANSMITTED REF. A, WILL BE MATTERS WHICH I WILL WANT TO REVIEW DURING THE COURSE OF MY CONSULTATIONS IN PANAMA AND WASHINGTON.

4. IN VIEW OF THE STATEMENT CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPHS 3A AND B OF REF. B, TO THE EFFECT THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPPLY OF F-5'S, SF-5B'S AND T33'S, IN ADDITION TO ENTERTAINING OTHER GOE REQUESTS FOR PURCHASE OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT, I WOULD STRONGLY HOPE THAT UPON MY RETURN TO QUITO FROM CONSULTATIONS I WOULD BE ABLE TO AT LEAST PARTIALLY SATISFY THIS GOE INTEREST IN BUYING OUR PLANES.
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